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## Pumpkinfest promises family fun in Mishicot

MISHICOT - Pumpkinfest in Mishicot is a time for family

fall harvest and its Native American connection. This year's celebration is a special golden one – the 20th anniversary of the celebration of 20th of October.

Tribal Council.

Summer bus tours have been offered by the Mishicot The village celebrates the Historical Museum to visit the Hannahville Potawatomi to attend a pow wow, tour the tribal center, and visit the gravesite of Chief Mishicott. Many Native Americans have joined Pumpkinfest occurs on the Mishicot in its celebration of our fall harvest and our Native Mishicot began celebrating American roots by participatthe fall harvest as a way to in- ing in the parade, providing troduce people to the village drumming and dancing perfor-



People are encouraged to walk in vintage 1890s clothing during Pumpkinfest, as these people did in last year's event.



This large, handmade pumpkin is among the highlights of the annual Pumpkinfest parade.

Saturday parade highlights festival

ganizers include Janet Kempen, Lyle Anderson, George

Krause Sr., Chris Baugniet, Don DeBois and Jeannette Heyroth. The event has grown every year since then.

Today, pumpkins in one form or another can be found in all corners of the village during the fall celebration. School children make pumpkin decorations, which are displayed in the windows of local businesses. The pumpkin theme is everywhere. Games, decorations, contests and foods revolve around orange pumpkins.

Mishicot's Native American heritage also contributes to the fall celebration. Chief Mishicott, after whom the village is named, was a Potawatomi. His great grandson, Earl Meshiguad, cultural director of the Hannahville Potawatomi in

Harris, Mich., has attended past Pumpkinfest celebrations. He spoke to the elementary school children about the history of his people and was guest of honor in leading the Pumpkinfest parade three years ago.

In a ceremony at the village hall. Meshiguad was presented with resolutions welcoming him to the village and acknowledging the use of the Potawatomi as the school district official mascot with the continued approval of the Potawatomi

and all it has to offer. Early or- mances, and bringing food and craft vendors to the village.

This year, area residents are

## **Pumpkinfest events**

- People can dress in 1890s attire
- Outdoor decorating contest
- Children's costume contest
- Pumpkin baking contest
- Pumpkin-related games
- Scarecrow making
- Largest pumpkin contest
- Horse-drawn carriage rides
- Civil War re-enactment
- Food and craft vendors
- Native American dancers
- Pumpkin pancake breakfast

again invited to dress in vintage 1890s attire, or wear orange. The Mishicot Area Growth and Improvement Committee is sponsoring a village-wide outdoor decorating contest. Individuals and businesses are encouraged to participate. The use of corn stalks, pumpkins, and orange colors is required. Judging of the decorations will take place on Oct. 21, with prizes for first, second, and third places being awarded.



Pumpkin decorating entries in Pumpkinfest add to the village celebration.

costume contest where participants are invited to join the big test; pumpkin decorating; scarecrow making; pumpkin carving; and biggest pumpkin weigh in. Games will be found around town such as pumpkin toss and pumpkin bowling.

a fish boil on Friday evening, pumpkin pancake breakfast on Saturday morning, horse tions. drawn wagon rides, Native American dancers, petting zoo, Civil War re-enactment camp, a special performance

bration include a children's itage Players at 1:30 p.m. at line Archive of Museum Ex-The Old School; food and craft hibits. You will have a choice vendors; caramel apple mak- of many photographs and parade; a pumpkin baking con- ing; cookie decorating; a videotaped interviews of local haunted house; and live music, residents, including an historiincluding a barn dance.

zations help celebrate by offer- American influence in the viling special events and discounts. Mishicot's Main Street Other fun activities include will be closed to traffic to Museum will be open during allow for pedestrian safety while visiting all the attrac- pumpkin pie and soup. There

Contests the day of the cele- -Riding the Rails by the Her- links for Businesses then On- coming events.

cal overview of how Mishicot Local businesses and organi- was named and the Native lage beginnings.

The Mishicot Historical Pumpkinfest and will be selling will also be a presentation re-There is a picture archive of lating to the Chief Mishicott past Pumpkinfest celebrations story. Check the Web site for a on the village Web site at list of Pumpkinfest activities www.Mishicot.org. Follow the and a calendar for other up-

MISHICOT - The 20th annual PumpkinFest Parade will begin at noon Saturday, Oct. 20, along Main Street in Mishicot.

The parade participants will begin lining up at 11:30 a.m. at the Mishicot High School, 660 Washington St.

Old cars, trucks, tractors, and horse-and-wagons are especially wanted.

Judging of floats will be Best of Show, Pumpkin Theme and Historical and/or Native American Theme. The use of orange and pumpkins is desir-

PumpkinFest will run from 8 a.m. into the night all around town. Main Street will be closed to traffic for vendors and amusements.

For more information, call the Mishicot Area Growth and Improvement Committee at 920-755-3411.



Native American dancers are also part of Pumpkinfest activities.